



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Office of Health Care Quality
Bland Bryant Building • Spring Grove Center
55 Wade Avenue • Catonsville, Maryland 21228

To: ALL HOME HEALTH AGENCIES
From: Carol Benner, Director, Office of Health Care Quality
RE: **Home Health Agencies Providing Services in Other Jurisdictions**
DATE: May 1, 2001

Dear Home Health Agency Provider:

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Health Care Quality has discovered that some agencies that are physically located in one jurisdiction are providing services in other jurisdictions, using the Medicare provider of the jurisdiction, in which they are located. State surveyors who conduct clinical record reviews and home visits, are responsible for doing so only in their own jurisdictions and are restricted from crossing State lines.

Your Medicare provider number entitles you to provide services to only those patients who are residents of the jurisdiction for which the Medicare provider number was issued. For example, if you have a District of Columbia provider number, you may only use it for services provided to residents in the District of Columbia. Your office, including client, employee and staff records must be located in the District of Columbia. To provide services in Maryland, you must have a Medicare provider number and a Maryland office.

It is critical that each agency complies with this requirement as soon as possible. The Office of Health Care Quality will issue "Provisional" licenses in order to allow each agency six (6) months to come into compliance with this requirement.

You must send written notification to this office of your Maryland office address. An initial Medicare survey will be conducted, so that the new provider number may be obtained.

Send the notification to:

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